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Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments

Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions

Note by the Secretary-General

1. As indicated in document A/72/102/Rev.1 of 17 July 2017, the General Assembly will be required, at its current session, to appoint six persons to fill the vacancies that will arise in the membership of the Committee on Contributions, for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2018.

2. The following persons have been nominated by their respective Governments for appointment or reappointment:

Michael Holtsch (Germany)
Evgeny Kalugin (Russian Federation)
Henrique da Silveira Sardinha Pinto (Brazil)
Steve Townley (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)
Yoon Seongmee (Republic of Korea)
Zhang Wei (China)

3. The candidates' curricula vitae are set out in the annex to the present note.

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Annex

Curricula vitae*

Michael Holtsch (Germany)

Date of birth 10/01/1973

WORK EXPERIENCE

November 2012–Present — Desk Officer for European Financial Issues, in particular Budget for Financial Instruments of Heading 3 (Security and Citizenship) and 4 (Global Europe) of the Multiannual Financial Framework 2014–2020

Federal Ministry of Finance Berlin/Germany (http://www.bundesfinanzministerium.de/Web/EN/Home/home.html)

- responsible for all financial questions related to civilian and military "Common Security and Defence Policy" (CSDP), including strategies, mandates and budgetary impact statements of European peacekeeping missions
- issues regarding EU funding in and outside the EU in respect of refugees/migration, humanitarian aid and development policy, incl. financing of EU Trust Funds, EU Turkey Refugee Facility, Asylum and Migrations Fund, Internal Security Fund and European Development Fund
- issues regarding European Instruments financing foreign policy

February 2012–November 2012 — Financial Officer at the Economic Division of the Permanent Mission of Germany to the United Nations

Permanent Mission of Germany to the United Nations (http://www.new-york-un.diplo.de/Vertretung/newyorkvn/en/Startseite.html)

- in depth analysis of the scale of assessment methodology for the regular budget and the budget of the PKOs, including detailed assessment of new proposals and examination of ODA eligible items
- EU burdensharer for the topic "Board of Auditors"
- analysis and assessment of United Nations documents and budget proposals related to PKOs
- reporting to the capital and drafting strategies for the items: air travel, program criticality and various PKOs;

November 2008–January 2012 — Desk Officer at the Budget Division of the German Federal Ministry of Finance

Federal Ministry of Finance Berlin/Germany (http://www.bundesfinanzministerium.de/Web/EN/Home/home.html)

- preparation of the budget of the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development
- preparation of the budget negotiations

* Curricula vitae are issued without formal editing.

- responsible for all budgetary questions, in particular financial questions related to ODA-eligibility, multilateral development cooperation and climate financing (post-2012 Kyoto/fast track financing)

August 2003–November 2008 — Attorney at Law

- civil law, intellectual property law
- drafting, negotiating and reviewing of contracts
- litigation, filed and defended claims

June 2002–June 2003 — Consultant

Lorenz & Partners Co. Ltd., Bangkok (Thailand)

- national and international contract and commercial law, incl. tax and labour law issues
- drafting trade terms and conditions
- development of investment concepts/business strategies for SMEs in southeast asia

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

2000–2002 — Post Graduate Judicial Clerkship at the Court of Appeal in the District of Berlin

German Embassy Bangkok (Thailand); Federal Ministry of Justice, Berlin; Oberfinanzdirektion Berlin;

- review of legal issues
- preparation and execution of transfers of detainees
- responds to citizens' inquiries

1994–1999 — Study of Law

Humboldt University Berlin (Germany)

- civil, criminal and public law
- european law

PERSONAL SKILLS

Mother tongue(s)	German				
	UNDERSTANDING		*SPEAKING*		
Other language(s)	*Listening*	*Reading*	*Spoken interaction*	*Spoken production*	*WRITING*
English	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2
Russian	A3	A3	A3	A3	A3

Communication skills	effective team-player, persistent and experienced in international issues; ability to set clear priorities, mediate and solve problems under time pressure
Organisational/managerial skills	realisation an organization of a seminar in international law at Thammassat University Bangkok; mediation a dispute between a citizen's movement and a Berlin environmental authority
Job-related skills	• expert in national and european budget • work result oriented
Computer skills	competent with MS Office and Outlook, Apple and PC platforms
Driving licence	B

Evgeny Kalugin (Russian Federation)

Born 5 November 1980, in Moscow

Education

2003 — Graduated from the Moscow State Institute (University) of International Relations

Master of Internationai Relations

Bachelor's degree in Political Science

Languages

Russian (mother tongue), English (fluent), French (fluent)

Professional experience

February 2017–present — Acting Head of administrative and budgetary division, Department of International Organizations, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation

2012–2017 — Second, then First Secretary, Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations

Russian expert in the United Nations General Assembly Fifth Committee. Responsible for a number of administrative, financial and budgetary issues of the United Nations including the United Nations regular programme and budget, budgets of PKO's and Tribunals, human resource management, conference management, scale of assessment, internal and external oversight, management reforms

2011–2012 — Second Secretary, Department of International Organizations of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation

Administrative and budgetary issues of the United Nations and its agencies as well as different conventions and treaties

2007–2011 — Third, then Second Secretary, Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations Office and Other International Organizations in Geneva

Administrative and budgetary questions of all major United Nations agencies and organizations based in Geneva such as ILO, ITU, WIPO, WMO, WHO

2003–2007 — Assessing Officer, then Attaché, Third Secretary, Department of International Organizations of Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation

Henrique da Silveira Sardinha Pinto (Brazil)

Member of the Committee on Contributions (2005, 2006–2008, 2012–2014, 2015–2017)

Current position: Undersecretary-General for the Brazilian Communities, Consular and Legal Affairs (since January 2017), Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Born in 1956, in Belo Horizonte, Brazil

Education

University of the Federal District, Law Degree, Brasilia, 1975–1979
Brazilian Diplomatic Academy (Instituto Rio Branco), Brasilia, 1978–1979
Brazilian Diplomatic Academy, Course of High Studies, thesis on the Budgetary and Financial Administration of the Foreign Service, 1998

Languages

English, French, Spanish, Italian and Portuguese (native)

Career in the Brazilian Foreign Service

Third Secretary, November 1979
Second Secretary (merit), December 1981
First Secretary (merit), December 1987
Counselor (merit), June 1994
Minister Second Class (merit), June 2000
Ambassador (merit), June 2009
Honored with decorations, both in Brazil and abroad (Bolivia, Italy, Mexico, Netherlands, Norway)

Posts and service abroad

Rome, Brazilian Embassy, Political Affairs, 1982–1983
Rome, Brazilian Representation to FAO, Deputy Permanent Representative, 1983–1985
La Paz, Brazilian Embassy, Cultural and Consular Affairs, 1986–1988
Managua, Brazilian Embassy, Deputy Chief of Mission, 1988–1990
New York, Brazilian Financial Office, Deputy, 1994–1997,
Ottawa, Brazilian Embassy, Consular and Administrative Affairs, 1997–1999
New York, Brazilian Financial Office, Deputy Head, 2002 to 2006
Algiers, Ambassador of Brazil to Algeria, 2009–2013
Tel Aviv, Ambassador of Brazil to Israel, 2013–2016

Summary of main assignments in the Brazilian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Department of North and Central American Affairs, Adviser, 1979–1982
Division of General Accounts, Secretariat-General, Chief of Staff, 1991
Under-secretariat General for the Foreign Service, Chief of Staff, 1991–1993
Division of Payments of Personnel, Head, 1993–1994
Division of Financial and Administrative Coordination of Posts Abroad, Head, 1999–2002
Department of Trade Promotion, Director, 2006–2009

Steve Townley (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)

Director, International, UK National Audit Office

Key Skills

- Qualified accountant and experienced external auditor with over thirty years' technical accounting and audit experience working with United Nations organisations and major UK public departments (including Department of Work and Pensions, Ministry of Defence and Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs).
- Highly experienced in production and presentation of reports to United Nations Governing Bodies and committees and in the negotiation and clearance of sensitive and complex reports
- Wide experience of corporate and strategic leadership, leading client engagement, managing teams and negotiating clearance of contentious audit reports, and responsible for drafting and presentation of published reports to governing bodies, political groupings and other stakeholders
- Expert knowledge of United Nations operations and related rules and regulations, governing body structures, political groupings and lengthy experience of working with United Nations senior management
- Expert knowledge of enterprise risk management, governance and accountability frameworks and experience of Fraud Risk Assessment, prevention and Investigation
- In-depth knowledge of Oracle and other ERP Project Management and business transformation projects
- In-depth knowledge of Governance, accountability and Internal Control Frameworks in International Organisations
- Extensive experience of reviewing the management and evaluation of technical cooperation and development aid programmes and projects

Qualifications

- Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy
- Certified Corporate Fraud Investigator
- BA Social Sciences (Economics) University of Leicester
- A Levels: Pure Maths and Statistics, Economics, Geography, General Studies

Core Experience

Experience of managing and delivering a wide range of complex international audits and other assignments (under both UNSAS and IPSAS) in the United Nations and of auditing major UK government departments (Department for Work and Pensions, Department for Central and Local Government and Ministry of Defence) including departmental resource accounts; Charities and Companies. Direct experience of auditing most United Nations entities including UNHQ Secretariat, UNDP, UNOPS, UNHCR, UNODC, United Nations Peacekeeping Operations, UNOG, UNON, UNOV, UNOG, UNODC, ILO, FAO, WFP, ITC,ICTY, ICTR. I have worked closely and constructively with audit committees in many United Nations clients.

In-depth knowledge and experience of United Nations Reform issues and of United Nations financial management and business transformation projects including Umoja,

Human Resources and Procurement reforms, common system developments, implementation of IPSAS, counter-fraud and corruption initiatives, enterprise risk management, technical cooperation and project and programme management. Experience in examining complex accounting and audit issues, involving re-performance and validation of economic and other models used by entities in core business processes such as budgeting (e.g. budget re-costing), employee liabilities (including validation of actuarial reports) and complex accounting estimates (e.g. finance leases).

Served as an expert on a number of advisory bodies and technical groups throughout my career including the financial advisory board to the preparatory commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organisation; five years experience as UK Director of external audit with the United Nations Board of Auditors; and 4 years as Vice Chair of the Technical Group of the United Nations Panel of external auditors.

During my career I have travelled extensively to see United Nations operations at headquarters and in the field and been based in overseas locations in New York, Geneva and Rome for over 14 years in total.

June 2017 to Present: Delegate to the United Nations Committee on Contributions

September 2016 to June 2017: Director of Financial Audit of UK Customs and Internal Revenue Service (Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs), Director of Strategy and Planning for the Mass Market Operations Cluster and Director of National Audit Office's International Relations.

On returning from New York I was appointed lead Director on the financial audit of the UK Revenue and Customs Department which is responsible for the collection of over £560 Billion of UK revenue while also leading National Audit Office's international relations and developing and setting the strategic direction for the National Audit Office's Mass Market Operations cluster.

2011 to September 2016: International Audits based in New York from September 2014.

Director responsible for all National Audit Office international audits and UK Director on the United Nations Board of Auditors responsible for Financial Audit and Reporting on the United Nations, including all aspects of the audits of the United Nations Secretariat, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, United Nations Office for Project Services, United Nations Office for Drugs and Crime, United Nations Compensation Commission, the International Trade Centre and six United Nations Peacekeeping Operations.

2009 to 2011: Department for Central and Local Government

Audit Manager responsible for the audits of the Department for Central and Local Government Resource Account; the Audit Commission and a large number of small to medium-sized non-departmental public bodies, Charities and Government Companies. My role was to lead the central government audit work and client engagement across the UK local government sector at a time of transition when many local bodies were being closed down and powers transferred to central government bodies.

2005–2008: Ministry of Defence

Managing the audit of the Defence Equipment and Support Organisation and a number of smaller defence bodies including the Defence Support and Distribution Agency, British Forces Post Office, and international armaments development agencies such as the Organisation Conjointe de Cooperation en matiere d'Armement (OCCAR). I gained wide experience of complex accounting issues, major defence procurement projects, logistics and inventory management in the context of a major, complex and highly sensitive UK government department.

2005: Consultant, United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation, Rome.

Responsible for procuring, managing and supporting a Central Computer Telecommunications Agency Risk Analysis and Management Method project (Central Computer Telecommunications Agency Risk Analysis and Management Method) review of Information security. This project tested the effectiveness of FAO IT Security and Governance structures leading to important improvements in cyber security.

2000 to 2004: International Labour Organisation, Geneva

Project Director, Oracle ERP implementation for ILO HQ and field operations. As Project Director, my responsibilities included selection and procurement of an appropriate ERP solution and integration partner. I had responsibility for overall supervision of the project team (up to 120 staff and consultants) and was accountable for managing the $25 million project budget. I reported to a project steering committee and ILO governing bodies. The project successfully replaced an ageing mainframe computer system with a modern integrated ERP database system which provided a platform for further business transformation and increased operational efficiency and effectiveness.

1996 to 2000: Manager NAO Geneva Office

I was responsible for managing a large portfolio of audits including the external audit of the International Labour Organisation, and all European based agencies audited under the NAOs work with the United Nations Board of Auditors including UNOG, UNODC, UNOV, ICTY, UNHCR, OHCHR, ITC, UNITAR, UNCC, International Training Centre Turin, UNFCC, UNCCD, and the United Nations Staff College.

1993 to 1996: Audit Manager, National Audit Office section Blackpool, Department for Work and Pensions

Initially posted to London as an AP on the audit of contributory benefits, I was promoted to Audit Manager and transferred to National Audit Office's Blackpool Office to manage the audit of the UKs major Welfare Benefits and the Department for Work and Pensions departmental accounts, including its executive agencies. I highlighted the major impact of fraud and error in relation to welfare benefits which led to a major and ongoing audit qualification of these accounts.

1989 to 1992: Principal Auditor, Rome, FAO and WFP

I was resident in Rome as the lead Principal Auditor on the audit of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Agency accounts including the Trust Fund accounts, FAO Commissary and Credit Union and also worked on the audit of the World Food Programme. I also led the United Nations Board of Auditors audit of the UNDP.

Yoon Seongmee (Republic of Korea)

EDUCATION:

Aug. 1994	B.A. in English Literature and Language, Seoul National University, Seoul, Republic of Korea
Aug. 1996	M.A. in international relations, University of Washington, Seattle, USA

CAREER:

May 1994	Passed High Diplomatic Service Examination
Jun. 1994	Joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA)
Feb. 2002	Second Secretary, Korean Permanent Mission to the United Nations, New York, U.S.A.
Mar. 2004	First Secretary, Korean Permanent Mission to the United Nations, New York, U.S.A.
Jun. 2006	First Secretary, Korean Embassy in the Philippines
Dec. 2008	Deputy Director, United Nations Division, MOFA
Mar. 2012	Director, United Nations Division, MOFA
Jul. 2013	Counsellor, Korean Embassy in the State of Qatar
Jan. 2015	Member, Committee on Contributions, United Nations
Jul. 2015	Counsellor, Korean Permanent Mission to the United Nations, New York, U.S.A.
Dec. 2016	Minister Counsellor, Korean Permanent Mission to the United Nations, New York, U.S.A.

AWARDS:

Jul. 2013	Service Merit Medal

FAMILY: Married with one daughter and one son

Zhang Wei (China)

Date & Place of Birth: 9 July 1982, Anhui Province, China

Professional Career

September 2016–Present, Vice Director, Foreign Expenditure Division, the Administrative and Law Enforcement Department, MOF, P. R. China

Budget Management of Ministry of Foreign affairs, Overseas Chinese Affairs Office of The State Council and etc.

Budget Management of contributions and donors to International Organizations such as the United Nations, UNDP, FAO, UNIDO, IFAD and etc.

Policies of Foreign Expenditures and etc.

April 2015–September 2016, Vice Director, Administrative Division II, the Administrative and Law Enforcement Department, MOF, P. R. China

Budget Management of General Office of the State Council, General Administration of Customs and etc.

Establishment of Regulations, Institutions and Norms relating to Administrative Expenditures, etc.

August 2008–April 2015, Principal Staff Member, Foreign Expenditure Division, the Administrative and Law Enforcement Department, MOF, P. R. China (from May 2012 to May 2013, serving as Deputy mayor of Zhanhua county, Shandong Province)

Budget Management of Ministry of Foreign affairs, the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Counties and etc.

Budget Management of contributions and donors to International Organizations such as the United Nations, UNDP, FAO, UNIDO, IFAD and etc.

Poverty Reduction, Fiscal Management of Local Government, Economic Development and Investment at Local Government, etc.

August 2004–August 2008, Foreign Expenditure Division, the Administrative and Law Enforcement Department, MOF, P. R. China (from November 2005 to November 2006, working at the Ministry of Finance Censorial Commissioner Agency Instructs Heilongjiang Province)

Management of Foreign Expenditures of Central Government Organizations

Policies and Regulations of Foreign Expenditures, etc.

Education Background

March 2008–December 2012 Master of Finance, School of Economics and Finance, University of International Business and Economics, P. R. China

September 2000 to July 2004, Bachelor of Financial Management, School of International Business Management, University of International Business and Economics, P. R. China